

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of October 10, 2007 issued with respect to the present application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of claims and the below Remarks.

### ***Regarding Amendment***

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to omit the parenthetical recitation in step (a) and to specify that the access requests are received on a plurality of data busses where the first type of access request is received on a different data bus than the other types of access requests;

dependent claim 4 is amended to depend from claim 3;

independent claim 6 is amended similar to claim 1;

dependent claim 8 is amended to conform with amended claim 6;

independent claim 10 is amended to specify that the access requests are received on a plurality of data busses where access requests from the at least one of the requesters is received on a data bus different than access requests received from the other requesters;

dependent claim 18 is amended to omit the recited step (a) and replace recited steps "(b)" and "(c)" respectively with steps --(c)-- and --(d)--; and

dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11-17 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application because support for these amendments can be found at paragraphs [2209]-[2239] of the present specification.

### ***Regarding Claim Objections***

#### ***Regarding Claim 1***

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment of claim 1 to omit the recitation in parenthesis, provides the correction required by the Examiner.

#### ***Regarding Claim 4***

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment of claim 4 to depend from claim 3 rather than claim 1, removes any duplication with pending claim 2 and therefore provides the correction required by the Examiner.

#### ***Regarding Claim 18***

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments of claim 18 to omit the recited step (a) and to replace recited steps "(b)" and "(c)" with steps --(c)-- and --(d)--, removes any duplication and/or inconsistency with pending claim 10 and therefore provides the correction required by the Examiner.

#### ***Regarding 35 USC 112, second paragraph Rejection***

It is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1, which omits the recitation in parenthesis, is clear.

#### ***Regarding 35 USC 102(e) and 103(a) Rejections***

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of above-described amended independent claims 1, 6 and 10, and claims 2-5, 7-9 and 11-18 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed or suggested by Stacovsky et al. (US 6,526,484) either taken alone or in

combination with Gray et al. (US 6,816,923) and/or Radke et al. (US 6,741,253) because none of these cited references teach or suggest using multiple data buses for access requests from different requesters as required by the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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